

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-25 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 6-8, 10, 15-16, and 18 have been amended hereby to correct matters of form, and to overcome objections and rejections stated in the office action. Accordingly, claims 1-25 will be pending herein upon entry of this Amendment, and they are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.


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